

Panel Clears Measure To Keep Tabs on CIA

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Legislation requiring CIA station chiefs to report their activities to the U.S. ambassador in residence was unanimously approved yesterday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Many American ambassadors have testified to congressional committees in the past that CIA station chiefs in the countries to which they both were assigned acted so independently they were not even informed of CIA activities there, even though such activities could dramatically affect that nation's relations with the United States.

The legislation makes it clear the CIA station chiefs must report what they are doing to the ambassador, or top American diplomat in his absence, "notwithstanding any other provision of law."

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